

BOB FELLER'S ★ ALL-STARS ★

PRESS RELEASE

Bobo Newsom, the noisy pitcher who will hurl for Bob Feller's All-Stars on their cross-country barnstorming trip, has come up with a new pitch...it's an under-hand toss, unleashed while Bobo is in the midst of an involved windup, and he controls it well...Newsom, ace of the Washington Senators' staff, will use that pitch as well as his famed blooper in every game he pitches on the tour...Newsom's blooper doesn't scrape the sky like Rip Sewell's but it's a soaring crowd-pleaser that hits the strike zone three out of five times.

Max (Lefty) Weisman, who will massage muscles for Feller's All-Stars, has been trainer of the Cleveland Indians for 25 years...and was honored in a lavish ceremony at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium in August before 65,765 customers...the payoff came when Lefty was presented a check for more than \$6,000 - contributed by his friends - and a wheelbarrow loaded with 400 silver dollars - the gift of Cleveland players...Cleveland photographers presented Weisman a bale of chewing tobacco and President Bill Veeck signed him to a 10-year contract in full view of the packed stands.

Jeff Heath, one of the Feller All-Star outfielders, believes he has a record...he hit 32 doubles, 20 triples and 24 home runs with Cleveland in 1941 and after a search of several record books, Jeff can't discover any other player who ever hit 20 or more doubles, triples and homers the same season...Heath, incidentally, does a fine job impersonating Babe Ruth swaggering toward the plate swinging several bats...he'll do it on the tour.

When Phil Rizzuto, the All-Stars' shortstop, first tried to get into Yankee Stadium he was stopped by the gatekeeper...the 5-foot 6-inch Rizzuto was believed to be a kid trying to crash the gate...Lefty Gomez enjoyed Phil's plight for several moments, then instructed the man on the gate to admit him.

The combined effectiveness of Bob Feller, Bobo Newsom and Spud Chandler, Feller's All-Star pitching staff, in the annual midsummer clash between American and National League All-Stars has been terrific... In a total of 18-2/3 innings they have permitted only one run and eight hits, striking out 17 ... Feller hasn't seen World Series action, but Newsom has won two and lost one in World Series competition, while Chandler owns a 2-2 record.

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